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1. IN ABSENCE OF DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY WHO IS IN KADAR'S PARTY VISITING ROME, ON JUNE 9 I RAISED WITH AMBASSADOR BARTHA, DIRECTOR FONOFF DEPARTMENT V, STATUS OF OUR DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. I DID SO AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF NAGY'S UNAVAILABILITY THIS WEEK AND IN KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WILL ACCOMPANY PRIMIN LAZAR TO FINLAND NEXT WEEK. THUS, THERE WOULD BE NO OPPORTUNITY TO GET TO NAGY BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE BELGRADE TALKS ON JUNE 15.

2. I BEGAN BY SAYING THAT LONGO HAD REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF OUR DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. I SAID THAT WE HAD BEEN PLEASED BY PROGRESS HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD MADE IN RESOLVING EVEGBL OF OUR DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES BUT THAT WE WERE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT SINCE LAST NOVEMBER THINGS SEEMED TO HAVE COME TO A GRINDING HALT.

3. BARTHA INTERRUPTED ME AT THIS POINT TO SAY THAT I NEED
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NOT GO ANY FURTHER. HE SAID THAT GOH WILL HAVE RESOLVED ALL OF THESE CASES FAVORABLY BEFORE I DEPARTED HUNGARY. HE SAID THERE WERE ONLY 40 CASES OF DIVIDED FAMILIES TOTALLY IN ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA AND THAT THE GOH INTENDED TO WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOH DESIRE TO DO THIS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH CSCE, MFN, OR THE CROWN. INSTEAD, RESOLUTION OF

THESE ISSUES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF HUNGARY'S APPROACH TO HUMAN RELATIONS. WHILE THE GOH FELT THAT IN NEARLY ALL OF THESE CASES THERE IS BOTH A LEGAL AND A LOGICAL CASE TO BE MADE IN ITS FAVOR, IT HAD DECIDED TO SETTLE THESE CASES IN THE INTEREST OF PROJECTING A PROGRESSIVE AND HUMANITARIAN IMAGE OF HUNGARY IN THE WEST AND ELSEWHERE. TRUE, HE SAID, THERE HAS BEEN FROM "CERTAIN OTHER COUNTRIES" CRITICISM OF GOH ATTITUDE. BUT, HE SAID, IT IS FOR OUR FRIENDS TO DETERMINE THEIR POLICY AND FOR US TO DETERMINE OURS.

4. I ASKED BARTHA WHETHER OR NOT IT WOULD BE USEFUL NOW TO SEND LONGO OVER TO THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT. OBVIOUSLY WE DO NOT WISH TO KNOCK ON AN OPEN DOOR. BARTHA REPLIED THAT LONGO SHOULD FOLLOW UP ON THE APPOINTMENT REQUESTED AT THE CONSULAR DEPARTMENT AND SIMPLY REVIEW THE PROGRESS MADE ON DIVIDED FAMILY CASES IN A POSITIVE MANNER. I AM NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THIS MEANS THAT WHEN LONGO CALLS ON SZEPES HE CAN EXPECT MOVEMENT ON ANY, SOME OR ALL OF THESE CASES. IN ANY CASE, LONGO WILL OFFICIALLY FOLLOW UP FOR THE RECORD AND WE WILL AWAIT BEING INFORMED BY THE GOH HOWEVER IT CHOOSES TO DO SO.

5. FULLY AWARE THAT THERE IS MANY A SLIP BETWEEN THE LIP AND THE CUP AND UNAWARE OF WHETHER OUR WESTERN COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF GOH INTENTIONS, I THINK IT BEHOOVES US TO BE EXCEEDINGLY DISCREET ABOUT WHAT BARTHA SAID UNTIL WE SEE SOME EVIDENCE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT. I WOULD HATE TO SEE A LEAK CUT THE GROUND OUT FROM UNDER US AT THIS JUNCTURE.

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